

HOUSE BILL No. 2708

By Representative Roeser

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1 AN ACT concerning state boards, commissions and authorities;
2 establishing within the legislative branch the office of the executive
3 director for Kansas advisory commissions and the advisory commission
4 on Asian American and Pacific Islander affairs; transferring the
5 Hispanic and Latino American affairs commission and the advisory
6 commission on African-American affairs to the legislative branch;
7 requiring the executive director to serve each advisory commission;
8 requiring legislative leadership and the governor to appoint members to
9 each advisory commission; amending K.S.A. 74-6501, 74-6502, 74-
10 6503, 74-9901, 74-9902 and 74-9903 and repealing the existing
11 sections; also repealing K.S.A. 74-6507, 74-6508, 74-6509, 74-9904
12 and 74-9906.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established within the legislative
16 branch of state government the office of the executive director for Kansas
17 advisory commissions. The executive director shall be a full-time
18 employee in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act to
19 be appointed by the legislative coordinating council and shall receive
20 compensation as determined by the legislative coordinating council. The
21 executive director shall serve as the administrative officer for:

22 (1) The Hispanic and Latino American affairs commission established
23 pursuant to K.S.A. 74-6501, and amendments thereto;

24 (2) the advisory commission on African-American affairs established
25 pursuant to K.S.A. 74-9901, and amendments thereto; and

26 (3) the advisory commission on Asian American and Pacific Islander
27 affairs established pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.

28 (b) The executive director shall serve each such commission by
29 gathering information, disseminating findings of fact and other
30 information, forwarding proposals and evaluations to the legislature and
31 various state agencies, carrying out public education programs, conducting
32 hearings and conferences and performing other duties necessary for the
33 proper operation of each commission.

34 (c) In addition to the executive director, each commission shall be
35 supported by one unpaid commission director and a shared paid
36 administrative staff, who both shall work with and at the direction of the

1 executive director. Each such commission director shall be appointed by
2 the legislative coordinating council.

3 New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the advisory commission
4 on Asian American and Pacific Islander affairs, referred to in this section
5 as the commission. The commission shall report directly and be advisory
6 to the legislature and engage with legislators to draft legislation, as needed,
7 prior to each regular session.

8 (b) The commission shall consist of seven members appointed as
9 follows:

10 (1) One member appointed by the president of the senate;
11 (2) one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
12 (3) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
13 (4) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
14 representatives;

15 (5) one member appointed by the majority leader of the house of
16 representatives;

17 (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
18 representatives; and

19 (7) one member appointed by the governor.

20 (c) (1) Not more than four members shall be members of the same
21 political party.

22 (2) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4315c, and amendments
23 thereto, each congressional district in the state of Kansas shall be
24 represented on the commission by at least one member who is a resident of
25 the district at the time of appointment, and the remainder shall represent
26 the state at large.

27 (3) Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term.

28 (4) Members shall serve three-year terms and until successors are
29 appointed and qualified.

30 (5) Each initial member of the commission shall be appointed by the
31 respective appointing authority on or before October 15, 2026.

32 (d) (1) The commission shall organize annually by the election of a
33 chairperson from the commission's membership.

34 (2) The commission shall meet at least four times a year. The
35 chairperson may call additional meetings.

36 (3) A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

37 (4) Members attending meetings shall be paid amounts provided in
38 K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

39 (e) The commission shall be served by the executive director of
40 Kansas advisory commissions, a commission director and administrative
41 staff pursuant to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.

42 (f) The commission shall have the following functions, powers and
43 duties:

- 1 (1) Gather and disseminate information and conduct hearings,
2 conferences and special studies on problems and programs concerning
3 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;
- 4 (2) coordinate, assist and cooperate with the efforts of state
5 departments and agencies to serve the needs of Asian Americans and
6 Pacific Islanders, especially in the areas of culture, education,
7 employment, health, housing, welfare and recreation;
- 8 (3) develop, coordinate and assist other public and private
9 associations and organizations with understanding the problems of Asian
10 Americans and Pacific Islanders;
- 11 (4) develop, coordinate and assist other public and private
12 associations and organizations to provide services to Asian Americans and
13 Pacific Islanders;
- 14 (5) propose new programs concerning Asian Americans and Pacific
15 Islanders;
- 16 (6) evaluate existing programs and proposed legislation concerning
17 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;
- 18 (7) stimulate public awareness of the concerns and problems of Asian
19 Americans and Pacific Islanders by conducting a program of public
20 education;
- 21 (8) conduct training programs for community leadership and service
22 project staff;
- 23 (9) accept contributions to assist in the implementation and
24 administration of this section and seek and enlist the cooperation of
25 private, charitable, religious, labor, civic and benevolent organizations for
26 such purposes;
- 27 (10) solicit, receive and expend federal funds to assist in the
28 implementation and administration of this section and enter into contracts
29 and agreements with any federal agency for such purposes; and
- 30 (11) establish advisory committees on special subjects.

31 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-6501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
32 6501. There is hereby created the Hispanic and Latino American affairs
33 commission ~~hereinafter~~ referred to *in this article* as the "commission."—
34 The commission shall be advisory to the ~~governor and shall be legislature~~
35 within ~~and a part of the office of the~~ ~~governor and a part thereof~~
36 ~~legislative branch of the state and engage with legislators to draft~~
37 ~~legislation, as needed, prior to each regular session.~~

38 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-6502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
39 6502. (a) (1) The commission shall consist of seven members.—~~No~~ *Not*
40 more than four members shall be members of the same political party.
41 Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4315c, and amendments thereto,
42 each congressional district in the state of Kansas shall be represented on
43 the commission by at least one member who is a resident of the district at

1 the time of appointment, and the remainder shall represent the state at
2 large.

3 (2) Commission members shall be appointed ~~by the governor~~ as
4 follows:

5 (A) One member appointed by the president of the senate;
6 (B) one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate;
7 (C) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
8 (D) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives;

10 (E) one member appointed by the majority leader of the house of
11 representatives;

12 (F) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
13 representatives; and

14 (G) one member appointed by the governor.

15 (3) A person appointed to fill a vacancy ~~which~~ that occurs prior to the
16 expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term. Except as
17 provided by subsection (b), each member of the commission shall be
18 appointed for a three-year term.

19 (b) (1) Members shall be appointed for terms of three years and until
20 successors are appointed and qualified.

21 (2) *Members of the commission serving on the effective date of this
22 act shall continue to serve until successors are appointed pursuant to this
23 section.*

24 (3) *New appointments shall be made by each appointing authority on
25 or before October 15, 2026.*

26 (c) Nothing in this ~~subsection~~ section shall be construed as
27 prohibiting the reappointment of members who had been appointed prior
28 to the effective date of this act.

29 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 74-6503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
30 6503. (a) The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson
31 and one as secretary to serve a one-year term.

32 (b) *The commission shall be served by the executive director of
33 Kansas advisory commissions, a commission director and administrative
34 staff pursuant to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.*

35 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 74-9901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
36 9901. There is hereby established the advisory commission on African-
37 American affairs ~~hereinafter~~, referred to *in this section* as the advisory
38 commission. The advisory commission shall be advisory to the ~~governor~~
39 and shall be legislature within and a part of the ~~office of the governor and~~
40 a part thereof legislative branch of the state and engage with legislators to
41 draft legislation, as needed, prior to each regular session.

42 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 74-9902 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
43 9902. (a) The advisory commission shall consist of seven members. The

1 membership of the advisory commission shall include:

2 (1)- One member appointed by the president of the senate;

3 (2)- *one member appointed by the majority leader of the senate;*

4 (3) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

5 (3)-(4) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of
6 representatives;

7 (4)-(5) *one member appointed by the majority leader of the house of*
8 *representatives;*

9 (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of
10 representatives; and

11 (5) ~~three members~~ (7) *one member appointed by the governor. The*
12 ~~terms of members appointed prior to July 1, 2000, shall expire June 30,~~
13 ~~2000.~~

14 (b) (1) ~~At the expiration of terms in the year 2000:~~ (1) ~~Members~~
15 ~~appointed by the president of the senate and the minority leader of the~~
16 ~~senate shall be appointed for terms of three years; (2) members appointed~~
17 ~~by the speaker of the house of representatives and the minority leader of~~
18 ~~the house of representatives shall be appointed for terms of two years; and~~
19 ~~(3) members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for terms of one~~
20 ~~year. Thereafter, Members shall be appointed for terms of three years and~~
21 ~~until a successor is appointed and qualified.~~

22 (2) *Members of the commission serving on the effective date of this*
23 *act shall continue to serve until successors are appointed pursuant to this*
24 *section.*

25 (3) *New appointments shall be made by each appointing authority on*
26 *or before October 15, 2026.*

27 (c) ~~No~~ Not more than four members shall be members of the same
28 political party. Each congressional district in the state of Kansas shall be
29 represented on the advisory commission by at least one member who is a
30 resident of the district at the time of appointment. Appointing authorities
31 shall consult each other to assure effectuation of the foregoing
32 requirement. A person appointed to fill a vacancy ~~which that~~ occurs prior
33 to the expiration of a term shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
34 ~~Except as provided by this section, each member of the commission shall~~
35 ~~be appointed for a three year term and until a successor is appointed and~~
36 ~~qualified.~~

37 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 74-9903 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
38 9903. (a) The advisory commission shall organize annually by the election
39 from its membership of a chairperson ~~and a secretary~~. The advisory
40 commission may adopt such rules of procedure as the commission deems
41 necessary for the conduct of business.

42 (b) *The commission shall be served by the executive director of*
43 *Kansas advisory commissions, a commission director and administrative*

1 *staff pursuant to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.*

2 (c) The advisory commission shall meet at least four times a year.
3 The chairperson may call additional meetings. A majority of members
4 shall constitute a quorum.

5 (e)(d) Members of the advisory commission attending meetings of
6 such commission shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of
7 K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto.

8 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 74-6501, 74-6502, 74-6503, 74-6507, 74-6508, 74-
9 6509, 74-9901, 74-9902, 74-9903, 74-9904 and 74-9906 are hereby
10 repealed.

11 Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.